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| For: LEAD STORAGE BATTERY   |   |                                  |

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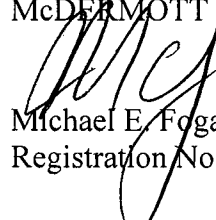
The reference was cited in a corresponding Chinese Office Action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note that the references JP 2003-346888 and JP 2003-109567 have been previously cited in an information disclosure statement filed on June 29, 2006.

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